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TO SCHNEIDER FROM KUX

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF WISEMEN AND LABOR JOB
REF: NEW DELHI 5734; NEW DELHI 5846

1. PHIL TALBOT WAS IN TOWN APRIL 25 AND STOPPED BY. HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT UNLESS THE INDIANS PRODUCE THE NAMES ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE ASIA SOCIETY WOULD BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SCHEDULING. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE THE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION NOW SEEMS TO BE ON THE RAILS FOR THE END OF MAY.

2. NEW COMPLICATION APPARENTLY HAS ARISEN REGARDING MIS-UNDERSTANDING OVER FUNDING. INDIAN EMBASSY DCM VENKATES-WAREN HAS IMPRESSION THAT U.S. SIDE WOULD BE PAYING FOR STATESIDE PORTION OF VISIT. PHIL TALBOT CALLED APRIL 26 TO ASK THAT THIS BE SORTED OUT, EMPHASIZING THAT ASIA
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SOCIETY HAS NO FUNDS AND WAS IN FACT NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING BUT HELP IN PROGRAMMING. LATER VENKAT CALLED TO ASK IF USG WOULD BE DEFRAYING COST OF U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM SINCE ASIA SOCIETY COULD NOT DO SO. I INDICATED THAT WE COULD NOT DO SO EITHER AND NOTED THAT FONSEC HAD NOT ASKED FOR FINANCIAL HELP. VENKAT CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS SOME APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING. I SUGGEST THAT YOU STRAIGHTEN

THIS OUT WITH JHAGAT, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT IF THE INDIANS DELAY, TALBOT AND ASIA SOCIETY WILL BE BOWING OUT FOR REASONS NOTED ABOVE.

3. I DO NOT DISAGREE WITH THE POINT YOU MAKE ABOUT THE LABOR ATTACHE POSITION, BUT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE FRUIT-LESS WHEEL SPINNING TO PURSUE THE ARGUMENT AT THIS TIME. WITH SOME DIFFICULTY I WORKED OUT PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH I KNEW WOULD NOT ENTIRELY SATISFY YOU. I RECOGNIZE THAT IN THIS INSTANCE WE ARE ONLY GETTING A THIRD OF A LOAF, BUT BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO APPROACH THIS QUESTION BITE BY BITE. THE TIME TO RERAISE THE ISSUE IS NEXT FALL WHEN PERSONNEL STARTS FOCUSING ON BLOCK'S REPLACEMENT.
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